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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

PLEASE ADVISE HEW THAT WE ARE PLEASED HEALTH AGREEMENT DELEGATIONS ARE NOW CHECKING IN WITH US UPON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW. WE ALSO APPRECIATE REINSTATEMENT OF THE HEW WEEKLY TRAVEL ADVISORY, WHICH HELPS US KEEP TRACK OF HEALTH EXCHANGES IN THE USSR. ON ANOTHER MATTER, WE HAVE NOTICED FROM THE HEW-MOH TELEX CHANNEL THAT HEW HAS GIVEN THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON A LETTER WHICH CONTAINS DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM FOR THE FEBRUARY 5-12 U.S. VISIT OF SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH CHAZOV. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP A COPY OF THIS LETTER, WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO USE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH CHAZOV. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP A COPY OF THIS LETTER, WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO USE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH CHAZOV BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE U.S. CHAZOV IS VERY INFLUENTIAL IN SOVIET HEALTH POLICY AND HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS A LEADING CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED MINISTER OF HEALTH PETROVSKIY, WHEN THAT POST BECOMES VACANT. (CHAZOV IS ALSO

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BREZHNEV'S PERSONAL CARDIOLOGIST.) IN MOST OTHER BILATERALS THE DEPT. POUCH CHANNEL IS USED FOR TRANSMITTAL OF LETTERS TO THE SOVIETS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS METHOD IS PREFERABLE FROM THE U.S. POINT OF VIEW AND IS PROBABLY A MORE EFFECTIVE METHOD OF GETTING THE MATERIAL TO ITS ULTIMATE DESTINATION. THE RECENT RICHMOND-VENEDIKTOV LETTER UNDERLINES THE

DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING HEW COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE
SOVIETS WITHIN DEPT. CHANNELS.
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